[10th January 1950

Grant of annual subsidies to the Madras Medical Council.

* 99 *Q.*—Dr. P. S. SRINIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have been granting annual subsidies to the Madras Medical Council to meet the deficit in the budget of the Council; and

(*b*) whether the same has been paid this year also?

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Orders sanctioning the payment of grant for 1949–50 have been issued."

Working of the Firka Development Scheme.

* 100 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Sri G. Ramachandran, Secretary, All-India Village Industries Association, has submitted his report about the working of the Firka Development Scheme;

(*b*) whether the Government have accepted all the suggestions made by him;

(*c*) whether it is proposed to implement the scheme ***in toto*** or in part; and

(*d*) whether a copy of the report of Sri G. Ramachandran will be placed on the table of the House?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Government have already accepted some of the suggestions made by Sri G. Ramachandran. Some others are under consideration.

" (*c*) The hon. Member is presumably referring to the suggestions made by Sri G. Ramachandran. They are being examined and such of the suggestions as can be accepted will be implemented.

" (*d*) Copies of the report[a] of Sri G. Ramachandran are placed on the table of the House."

Janab K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" In view of the fact that the report runs to 26 pages, it will require time to study it and put supplementary questions. I would therefore suggest that this question might be postponed."

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" You asked for the report. You got it. That is all."

Sri M. NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know how far the Government have taken action on the suggestions? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Some of the suggestions are important ones and are for the expansion of the scheme over different areas. They have been implemented.

a Printed as Appendix on II pages 1069–1094 infra.